



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
McGregor et al.

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**For: BIO-METRIC SMART
CARD, BIO-METRIC
SMART CARD READER
AND METHOD OF USE**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 7, 2004

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 7, 2004. Applicants request petition for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR Paragraph 1.136a up to and including November 7, 2004. A check in the amount of \$187 is enclosed for the one month extension fee plus the addition of three independent claims. Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The specification has been amended per Examiner's instruction. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to comply with Examiner's objections. Claims 12, 14, and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-11, 13, 17-22, and 24-35 have been canceled without prejudice. The Applicants aver that no new matter has been introduced in this response.